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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Before calculation of the filing fee, please amend the claims of the above-referenced patent application, which are based on the Article 34 claim amendments filed in the corresponding international application, as follows:

Please add the following new claims:

53. ~~An agent as claimed in claim 3 which is obtainable from a *Xenorhabdus bovienii* strain H31 deposited with NCIMB under accession number NCIMB 40985.~~

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